



# The City News

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## THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

It's finally Fall? The calendar says so but in Atlantis things are pretty much the same. I'm sure some of our residents who decided to go North for the Summer are beginning to plan for their trek back to paradise. Sure hope they had planned for cool weather, hurricanes, earthquakes, droughts, tornados, and heat when they left. Mother Nature created a rather exciting summer everywhere but here in Atlantis.

Your City has seen the close of another fiscal year. Although final numbers are not available at this time, treasurer Manny Fernandez and City Manager Mo Thornton reported that no surprises are to be expected. The council passed a budget for the 2011-2012 year as well. As previously reported, the new budget has no increase over the past year. In fact, it actually contains a slight decrease from the previous budget. No reductions in personnel or services were budgeted. Capital improvements, employee compensation, and no benefit increases were all included in the new adopted budget.

The Fall Festival has come and gone for another year. I want to thank the committee who worked diligently to put the event together and the numerous volunteers who made it happen.

And of course a huge thank-you must be given to JFK Hospital for their generous support.

Please remember to be careful driving in the city, especially in the mornings. Until daylight savings time ends, many people, especially children, are moving around the city in the dark. Also remember Halloween is the end of the month. Details about pending festivities are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Lastly, I hope everyone who was unable to attend the first two performances by John Davidson last month has reservations for one of the October shows. I've been told they are sold out or nearly so. I had the pleasure of attending with my usual "harem" and all had a very pleasant evening, thanks to a very entertaining resident. Look out, you can probably see John also on the tennis court, behind a chessboard, on the golf course, or shopping for a rhinestone covered pink guitar. Oh yes, John already has the guitar!!

Live safe, stay happy!

Mayor

Mike Dahlgren

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**OCTOBER 2011**

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**Don't Miss the Party!!**

**October 31st**

**5 pm**

### Next City Council Meeting.

**Wednesday,**

**October 19, 2011**

**7:00 pm.**

Council Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month in the Council Chambers.

**GET IT FIRST!**

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AVAILABLE ONLINE.

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**Save the date! The City of Atlantis 19th Annual Holiday on  
Wheels Golf Cart Parade will be Monday, December 12, 2011.**

**Manager's Notes October 2011**

Annually the city updates the database of names, addresses and phone numbers for publication in the City Directory. Please take a moment to review your listing in the 2011 directory to make sure it is correct. If you have changed a phone number or northern address, please let us know. We find that from time to time someone has abandoned their "land line" and the information is never removed from the directory. If your cell phone number is your "best contact number" we would be happy to publish that. The deadline is Monday November 14, 2011 for changes in the 2012 directory.

Did you know that you can read your newsletter online? If you provide us your email address, we will send you an email alert that the newsletter has been posted to the website. You can read it days before it is received via "snail mail."

The City takes credit cards for the payment of the utilities bill and other city charges. In order to pay your bill via credit card, follow these simple steps:

Go to our web site: [Atlantisfl.gov](http://Atlantisfl.gov)

Click on "City Government"

Click on "Utilities"

Click on "Online Utility Payments"

Click on "Pay Utility Bills"

Fill in required information on the form and submit. You will receive an email confirmation.

The Lantana Green Fest is Saturday October 22, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. There will be free food and fun along with a Busch Wildlife Show at Noon. The City of Atlantis is partnering with Lantana, Ocean Ridge, Haverhill and Palm Beach Shores in a State of Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. The Green Fest is partially funded through this grant and other sponsorships. Visit [Lantana.org](http://Lantana.org) for more information.

We have orange I heart Atlantis t-shirts and bags for sale at City Hall just in time for Halloween. Join us Halloween Night at Kintz Park. Whether you have children and grandchildren participating in the costume contest or not, come out to view the creativity of the costumed creatures.

Mo Thornton

City Manager

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**City News...**

The City of Atlantis Final Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 21, 2011. Resolution 11-21, adoption of the final millage rate of 7.5202 passed 5-0. Also passing was Resolution 11-22, a resolution adopting the new budget for fiscal year 2011-2012.

The City Council meeting began immediately following the budget hearing.

Resolution 11-23, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Hughes Construction Industries for the Kintz Park Outfall Pipe Project, passed 5-0. This will change how the water drains from the Kintz Park Splash Pad. Currently the run-off water goes into our sani-

tary sewer system, costing the city monthly sewer fees. The new plan will pipe the drainage water into a near by lake. The cost of this project is will be \$24,670.00. The savings on the sewage disposal will pay for the project in a short time.

In Miscellaneous Business, removal of the Ficus hedge on Congress Avenue from Club House Blvd to the Shoppes of Atlantis passed 5-0 at a cost of \$11,532.00. Due to the road construction and installation of new sidewalks, this is the appropriate time to do this project.

William Mitchell

(official minutes available at [www.atlantisfl.gov](http://www.atlantisfl.gov))

**FROM THE DESK OF POLICE CHIEF ROBERT G. MANGOLD****Crime Prevention Tip: Family Security and Safety Tips**

Last month's newsletter provided back to school traffic safety tips; this month we will continue with our regular crime prevention tips beginning with "Hotel and Motel Security."

**Hotels and Motels**

When traveling on business or pleasure with your family, it may become necessary to stay overnight in a hotel or motel. Your hotel room becomes your home for the night and is your sanctuary while you sleep. It is important to give some thought to what hotel or motel you select and what room you are willing to accept. The cost of the hotel room is not always a good predictor of how safe the room or property will be. There are a few rules of thumb that should apply to any hotel room you rent.

**Room Location**

Always request a room on an upper floor, if possible. Ground floor rooms are more vulnerable to crime problems because of access and ease of escape. In a high rise building, rooms above the fifth floor are usually safer than those below, again because of accessibility and ease of escape. Criminals do not want to be trapped on an upper floor inside a high-rise hotel. High-rise buildings usually have fewer ground level access points and are easier for the hotel staff to monitor who passes through the lobby after hours.

**Room Security Features**

Hotel or motel rooms should be equipped with a solid-wood or a metal door for best protection. Room doors should have a deadbolt lock with a one-inch throw bolt. If the lock looks worn or there are pry marks around the lock area, get another room or move to another hotel. The knob lock should be hotel-style where you can push a button on the inside knob and block out all keys. This feature is designed to prevent a former guest or housekeeper from entering the room once you are inside. Hotels with electronic card-access have the advantage of being able to disable former key-cards issued to other guests. The room door should have a wide-angle peephole so you can view who is at the door before opening. Do not rely on door chains or swing bars to secure the doors when you peek out to speak someone. Teach your children not to open the door to any hotel room without knowing the person on the other side.

Make sure all windows and sliding doors are secured if they are accessible from the ground. It is a good idea to pull on all windows and glass doors to test if they are secure. Beware of balconies where someone can climb from one to another and enter through an open window or sliding door. If the windows or sliding doors are not securable, ask for another room or find another hotel.

**Supervise Children**

Children should not be allowed to wander the hotel grounds unsupervised. Everyone at a hotel is a stranger and it is difficult to discern who is a registered guest or who has criminal intentions. Do **not** leave a child at the pool or gym unsupervised. These are prime targets for predators.

If you are a woman traveling alone or with small children, take advantage of car valet service if available to avoid the parking lot. After checking in at the desk, ask the bellman or desk clerk to escort you to your room. After unlocking the room, quickly inspect the closets, under the bed, and bathroom including behind the shower curtain before the bellman leaves. When you find a suitable hotel that meets your standards and will cater to your needs, try to stick with it or with the same hotel chain.

- Always request a room on an upper floor, if possible
- A solid core door with a good deadbolt lock is best
- Electronic card-access locks minimize key control questions
- Make sure your door has a peephole and night latch and use it
- Use your do not disturb sign whenever you are in the room
- Inspect the room hiding places upon entering and check all locks
- Supervise children at all times especially at the pool or gym
- Ask the bellman for an escort and use valet parking, if alone

**Next month we will provide information about "Family Security Travel Planning."**

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### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

### CRIME STATISTICS

Total Enforcement:	118	<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Traffic Citations:	79	Battery		1
Parking Citations:	19	Burglary (Structures & Vehicles)		6
Written Warnings:	20	Theft (Grand & Petit)		6

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### Code Enforcement

It is that time of the year again. The heat and moisture of the summer cause algae to grow everywhere including the roofs, driveways and patios. As we do every year, the code enforcement officers will be going around the community in the near future to request that properties be cleaned and brought up to Atlantis property standards. Many of our residents do their regularly scheduled fall cleaning as well as take proper care throughout the year. We thank those residents for taking care of their property.

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### FALL FESTIVAL

The fall festival was a huge success. It would not be possible without the help of staff, volunteers and sponsors. We'd like to thank Green Market Coordinator Collene Walter for coordinating the event and contacting the vendors; Cathy Higgins and Carene Kengeter for warming up the bikers; Richard Brown for organizing the bike route; Pat Matulis for her contributions to the newsletter and souvenir sales. Registration went smoothly, thanks to the help of Mike and Sue Dahlgren. Thank you to Justine Rossi for her help at the souvenir table. Many thanks to Chief Mangold and his staff, for being sure that our bikers had a fun, safe ride through the city. Special thanks to Steve Mazuk, Matt Wood and Jean Barbieri for setting up, tearing down and doing whatever else was necessary to make the festival run smoothly. We also had a lot of help from our teenage volunteers, directed by Diana Fernandez and Isa Moraguez.

PBSO Child Find was on hand again this year to provide identification cards for children and Lionel Velez and FDOT delivered free helmets and biking supplies.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsor: JFK Medical Center. And thanks to you, our participants and shoppers for coming out to make our day a success.

**Thanks to all for making our fall festival such a memorable event!**

**Flu and Pneumococcal Shots Clinic  
&  
City Of Atlantis  
Annual Health Fair**

Come join us and have your health care questions answered.

**When: October 21, 2011 From 9 am until 1 pm**

**Where: The Council Chambers at 260 Orange Tree Drive**

A-Plus Home Healthcare will be administering the Flu and Pneumococcal Shots. The Flu vaccine is available to anyone older than 6 months and the pneumococcal vaccine to anyone older than 13 years of age.

**IMPORTANT Billing Information:**

**Anyone receiving a vaccine must present a valid form of Identification.**

**Medicare Recipients must provide their Medicare ID**

**A-Plus will bill Medicare directly, with no co payment or deductible. Medicare MUST be your primary insurance company; they will not pay if you have another insurance company. You must pay A-Plus and then submit a receipt to your insurance company to get reimbursed.**

**Non-Medicare recipients will be charged \$25.00 for Flu and \$75.00 for Pneumococcal vaccines.**

**A-Plus is unable to bill any other insurance companies.**

**First come first serve, from 9 AM—1:00 PM**

**Forms are available at City Hall for anyone who wishes to fill them out prior to the clinic.**

**Please contact Jude at City Hall at 561-965-1744 with any questions.**

**The following businesses will be on hand with valuable information for our residents:**

**Atlantis Police Department** will be on hand to enter emergency contact information into the DHSMV data files, answer questions, and provide crime tips.

**Health Career Institute**— Blood pressure checks and emergency medical information.

**JFK Medical Center**— Volunteers will be present to answer health care questions.

# City of Atlantis Halloween Costume Contest

Monday, October 31, 2011

5 PM at Kintz Park

In case of rain, contest will be held at the Atlantis Country Club.

Pizza and Soda will be available.



*\*All participants need to sign up by 5:45 the day of the contest.*

***Prize Categories: Scariest, Most Original , Cutest, Funniest***

***Age Categories: 0-3, 4-7 , 8-11, and 12 and up.***



***\*Special Purchase: Orange I Heart Atlantis T-Shirts and Halloween Bags. Get yours while they last!***

***Questions?***

***Call Leslie Leckrone at 969-1590***

**We hope to see you there!**





## Welcome Back Neighbors

### **JOHN DAVIDSON'S NEW SHOW GETS RAVE REVIEWS — Reservations available for Wed., October 19th!**

We're thrilled to announce that Atlantis' own John Davidson, who in September debuted his brand new cabaret-style show — "50 Years as a Hollywood Square" — a celebration of his 50 years in Show Biz, received rave reviews and multiple standing ovations. John will again appear on Wednesday, October 19th, a new show date just added because his Thursday, October 20th, Friday, October 21st and Sunday, October 23rd shows are all sold out.

The show begins at 7 p.m., and the doors will open at 5 p.m. for cocktails and dinner. As before, there is NO COVER charge; however, a \$15 per person minimum for Food & Beverage will be in effect. Reservations are required for these shows.

If you miss John's fall shows, don't fret, because he will return to Atlantis Country Club on numerous dates in February and March 2012 to perform "50 Years as a Hollywood Square" as well as his rollicking "Let the Good Times Roll" shows. These dates are going fast, so reserve early. By the way, these dinner shows are also ideal for fundraisers and social events. (Group buyouts are available for approximately 140 guests.) [www.JohnDavidson.com](http://www.JohnDavidson.com)

### **REFRESHED DINING ROOM NOW OPEN**

Stop by to see our beautiful renovated, redecorated and refreshed Dining Room. Currently, we're open for dinner Wednesday–Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. Starting November 1st, we'll open Tuesday–Friday for Lunch from 11:30 a.m. and Dinner Tuesday–Sunday from 5 p.m. when Chef Chris will debut his fresh, innovative fall lunch and dinner menus.

### **THANKSGIVING DINNER RESERVATIONS**

Turkey Day is around the corner. Our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be served on Thursday, November 24, 2011 from 1 to 7 p.m. Remember, we have round tables for up to 12 guests, and you can't beat our value: A complete dinner is \$26.95 per person plus tax and 20% gratuity. Children from 12 and under: \$16.95 plus tax and 20% gratuity.

**Music You Love To Dance To With Valerie White** - Wednesday and Thursday Nights In The Lounge - 5 to 8 p.m. Valerie, a talented vocalist and multi-instrumentalist (Saxophone, Flute, Keyboard) delights guests with Top 40, Classic Rock, Latin, Country, Oldies, Blues, Jazz Standards and Reggae.

**Happy Hour in the Lounge-** Wednesday through Sunday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Come See Us Soon!! David and Marti**

**RESERVATIONS: 965-5788**

## Security Update

Safety and security are uppermost in the minds of Atlantis residents, staff and elected officials. More than 50% of the City's budget is earmarked for public safety. The vast majority of these funds are spent on crime prevention. This investment has paid off – we are fortunate to have a low incidence of crime in the residential areas of the City.

But we must continue to review and improve our security plans. There are many factors that impact our security strategies, some are internal but most are external to the City. The current widening of Congress Avenue is creating several challenges. Recent mandates by the Lake Worth Drainage District have reduced perimeter buffering on the north side of the City. Vacant properties and new developments in the vicinity affect us. We deal daily with the challenges of controlling access into the City, recognizing that we have public streets. Crime in the surrounding areas is an issue. It is challenging, but it is very important that we be proactive and remain diligent to maintain our high level of security and low incidence of crime.

Back in the 1980's the City created the Atlantis Safe Neighborhood Improvement District. At that time, the security activities in the City consisted solely of the police department and it was evident that additional security measures were needed. An Advisory Board comprised of residents was formed to work on a City-wide security plan. As part of the Board's work, they developed a survey that was sent to the entire community seeking public input. As a result of their efforts and the input from residents, many of the security measures that we benefit from today were implemented.

Fast forward 20 years. Times have changed. And our security plan must also be updated to reflect and address these changes. The City Manager and Police Department have recently been working with a group of volunteers informally known as the Security Committee to discuss security needs and review security strategies. Public comment is strongly encouraged and a new survey will soon be distributed to solicit input. One of the primary issues being reviewed by the group is access control, since securing our perimeter is very important to maintaining safety.

Access control for Atlantis includes the manned gatehouses and the identification of vehicular traffic that normally comes through them. Our decal program is one of the cornerstones of our community policing. Residents are issued a decal on an annual basis. Employees and members of the clubs are issued separate decals for identification purposes, and contractors and service providers are required to register with the City and obtain a decal for their work vehicles to identify them as registered vendors. By identifying the vehicular traffic with business or personal ties to the City, the Police and Security Guards can better monitor all vehicular traffic entering the City. Your participation in this decal program is critical to its success. All residents must diligently secure their decal in a timely manner and update it each year for us to be successful in our endeavors.

Access control also includes the fences, walls and hedges that surround the community. Walls are an excellent deterrent to crime. They create an obstacle to entry and screen from view what is behind them. Fences and landscape materials create a softer barrier and are an effective strategy to controlling access. The construction along Congress Avenue is creating a "gap" in our perimeter. The hedge along Congress Avenue south of Clubhouse Boulevard will be removed. A sidewalk on the west side of the road will be an asset, but will also encourage pedestrian traffic along our frontage. Other sections of our perimeter boundary along Congress Avenue, Lantana Road and the canal to the north could be better secured. Based on input from the Police Department, City Council, City Staff and most importantly, you, the residents, the volunteer group will be developing recommendations to further enhance our security plan.

Please look for a survey to arrive in the next several months. We hope you will take the time to fill it out and give us the benefit of your thoughts.



# Community Activities

## CALLING ALL CHESS PLAYERS:

Anyone interested in playing chess? Perhaps forming a chess club? Please contact **John Davidson at 973 634-8149**.

## CREATIVE WRITING CLASS :

Suspended for the summer. Available at other locations. Any questions call **Suzi Lynch 561 968-8649!!**

## THE GREAT BOOK CLUB OF ATLANTIS:

Suspended for the summer. Call **Dr. Bennett Miller at 561-968-2675** for further information.

## THE LITERARY SOCIETY:

Will hold its first meeting of the season on Wednesday, November 16th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ladies Card Room. Please join us for a continental breakfast before the meeting. As it was last year, the charge will be \$7.00 per person. And please remember to call **Pat Clem at 966-7500 x101** to let her know you are coming, so the staff can better prepare for our meeting.

## JEWELRY CLASS:

Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. in the Council Chambers. For information and dates, call **Marie Claude Green at 561-736-5609** or **561-271-8967** or email her at **CLVERT@AOL.COM**

## PERSONAL TRAINING:

Customized training for all needs from young to old. Improve your golf game, core strength, balance, muscle tone, flexibility and achieve weight loss. Improve your overall quality of life.

**Carene Kengeter**- American Council of Exercise- Certified Personal Trainer  
Call: **561-313-4026**

## REPUBLICAN CLUB OF CENTRAL PALM BEACH COUNTY :

Meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Atlantis Country Club. For further information call **George Blumel at 561-543-4971**

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKE WORTH :

Meets every Wednesday at noon for lunch at the Atlantis Golf Club for fellowship and interesting guest speakers. Anyone interested should contact Atlantis Residents **Peggy Vrane (561) 868-5807** **Richard Beiter (561) 965-4282** or **Ron Leeds (561) 969-9600**.

## TENNIS CLASSES:

Contact **Coach Sherwin Anderson USPTA PRO at 561-588-4557**

## SENIOR TENNIS:

Monday 9-11 am and Thursday 5-7pm  
Contact: **Betty Ann Badger 561-434-4145**

## WATER COLOR CLASSES:

Will resume on Wednesday November 2nd from 1-4 pm. Call **Joan Tiberi at 561-547-5123** to register.

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**The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office will be accepting Homestead Exemption applications from residents. (All Palm Beach County residents are welcome)**

**Where: City Council Chambers at 260 Orange Tree Drive.**

**When: The 2nd Wednesday of each month. October through December. Time: 2-3 p.m.**

**A copy of your deed and proof of residency is required.**

**For further information log on to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's website at: www.pbcgov.com\ PAPA, call them at 561-355-4021 or the City Clerk at City Hall 561-965-1744**

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## OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF :

**Sarah McCullough**

**Alice Bloom**

## WELCOME TO ATLANTIS NEW RESIDENTS:

**James Miller and Marybeth Towery**

**Richard and Stephanie Shepherd**

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**EMERGENCY (Fire, Police, Ambulance) [911](tel:911)**

**Police and Fire (Non Emergency) 561-965-1700**

**J F K Medical Center 561-965-7300**

**Atlantis City Hall 561-965-1744**

**Building Department 561-965-1796**

**Police (Administration) 561-965-1711**

**Utilities Department 561-965-1744**

**Garbage Collection 561-965-2627**

**Atlantis Country Club 561-965-7700**

**Atlantis Golf Club 561-966-7600**

**Atlantis Realty 561-965-7900**

#### **KINTZ PARK SPLASH PAD HOURS:**

**Monday through Thursday 11 am to 4 pm**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11 am to 6 pm**

· During periods of heavy rain, the splash pad hours may be suspended.

\* Kintz Park will be closed periodically for maintenance.

#### **GARBAGE INFORMATION:**

##### **BACKDOOR PICKUP**

\* MONDAY – HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

\* THURSDAY – HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE & RECYCLE

##### **CURBSIDE PICKUP**

\*MONDAY ONLY – YARD WASTE AND BULK ITEMS

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** No pick up on Thanksgiving and Christmas day.

Please place all material for collection **by 7:00 am** on the day of service.

Curbside items may only be placed at the curb after 5:00 pm on the day before collection. \*Exception, on the first Sunday of each month items may be placed at the curb after noon for Monday pickup.

Please use your underground containers. Liners may be obtained at Ace Hardware. Recycle containers may be obtained at City Hall. For repairs and replacement contact Jim Shumacher at 561-718-5888.

Landscape debris generated by a paid landscape maintenance company must be removed on the day of generation by the maintenance company. (City of Atlantis Code of Ordinances 8.3-9) **Questions, Call City Hall at 965-1744**